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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT
AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION DEPARTMENT
(H&S)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH HORTICULTURE SUBORDINATE
SERVICE RULES.

[G.O.Ms.No.64, Agriculture & Cooperation (H&S), 19th June, 2020.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, and of all other powers hereunto enabling, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby make the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Horticulture Subordinate Service Rules, 2005 issued in G.O.Ms.No.31, Agriculture and Cooperation (Horticulture) Department Dated: 1st March, 2005 and subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDEMENTS

In the said Rules:

1. in rule 2, under Transitory,-

- (i) after Category (1), the following shall be inserted namely,-
"Category (1) (A) - **Village Horticulture Assistant**"

- (ii) the Entry "No further recruitment in case of these categories on promotion / superannuation of the present incumbents" against categories (1) and (2), shall be omitted.

2. in rule 3 in the table,-

- (i) against Category (1), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

Category	Method of appointment
Category-1 Horticulture Extension Officer	By promotion from the Category-1A Village Horticulture Assistant

- (ii) after category (1), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

Village Horticulture Assistant	By Direct Recruitment
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Note: Since there is no recruitment to the post of Field Assistants, the existing incumbents will continue in service upto the dates of their superannuation and their posts shall cease to exist from the date of their retirement.

3. rule 4, in the table,-

- (i) against Category (1), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

Category	Appointing Authority
Category-1 Horticulture Extension Officer	Dy. Director of Horticulture/ Project Director, APMIP

- (ii) after category (1), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

Village Horticulture Assistant	District Collector
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4. in rule 5 in the table above category (2), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

Sl.No.	Category	Name of the Post	Method of appointment	Qualifications
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Category-(1)	Horticulture Extension Officer	By promotion from the Category-1A Village Horticulture Assistant	1. Must possess 2 years diploma in Horticulture (Dr. YSRHU/ ANGRU) recognized (or) 2. Four years B.Sc Horticulture/ B.Sc (Hons) Horticulture of a recognized University in the State or any other University accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.

2	Category-(1) (A)	Village Horticulture Assistant	By direct recruitment	<p>The candidates having either of the following qualifications are eligible for the post of Village Horticulture Assistant.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must possess Four years B.Sc Horticulture / B.Sc(Hons) Horticulture of a recognized University in the State or any other University accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi. 2. Must possess 2 years Diploma in Horticulture (from Dr. YSRHU/ ANGRU) recognized.
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5. for rule 6, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“ 6A. Probation- Every person appointed by direct recruitment to any post shall, from the date on which he/she commences his/her probation, be on a probation for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years.”

6. in rule 7, in the table above category (2), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

Sl.no.	Category	Name of the post	Unit of appointment discharge and reappointment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Category-1	Horticulture Extension Officer	District cadre
2	Category-1A	Village Horticulture Assistant	District cadre

7. After rule 7, the following shall be added, namely,-

“ 8. Age : No person shall be eligible for direct recruitment if he/she is not more than 34 years of age as on the 1st day of July of the year in which the notification for selection is made and the orders issued by the Government from time to time shall be applicable.”

8.- After rule 8 , the following shall be added, namely,-

“ 9. Reservation of Appointment: Rule 22 and 22-A of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules,1996 as amended from time to time shall be applicable for the Direct Recruitment and Promotion.”

9. After rule 9, the following shall be added, namely,-

“ 10. Tests: Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the post of Village Horticulture Assistant shall pass Agriculture Department test till the Horticulture Department test is prescribed within a period of probation.”

10. After rule 10, the following shall be added, namely,-

“ 11. Minimum Service: No person shall be eligible for appointment by transfer or promotion unless he/she has put in not less than 2 years of service in the category from which promotion or appointment by transfer is made.”

11. After rule 11, the following shall be added, namely,-

“ 12. Training : Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the post of Village Horticulture Assistant shall undergo, immediately after appointment, a course of training for one month as per the programme that may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Horticulture.”

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH,
Special Chief Secretary to Government.

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